

REMARKS

Claims 4-12 and 14-21 are pending in this application. By this Reply, claims 1-3 and 13 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 12, 14 and 16 are amended.

Claims 1-3 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Buehrer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,515,978). However, claims 4-11 and 18-21 are indicated as allowable and claims 13-17 stand objected to as being based on rejected independent claim 12. By this Reply, claims 1-3 are canceled and the subject matter of claim 13 has been incorporated into independent claim 12. Hence, the Section 102 rejection is moot and this application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 12 and 14-17 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Daniel Y.J. Kim**, at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment dated **OCTOBER 15, 2007**

Reply to Office Action of **June 14, 2007**

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
KED & Associates, LLP


Daniel Y.J. Kim
Registration No. 36,186

P.O. Box 221200
Chantilly, Virginia 20153-1200

703 766-3701 DYK/gks:dak:kzw

Date: October 15, 2007

Please direct all correspondence to Customer Number 34610

\\Fk4\Documents\2000\2000-611\131933.doc